

LE-HI-HO
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Dear Member:

Enclosed is your election material. Please mark your ballot, slip it into the smallest of the brown envelopes enclosed, seal that, and put it into the larger brown envelope. Seal that one, too, and sign your name as it appears on our records. Put the whole thing inside the white envelope and mail it so it gets here by April 21.

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BALLOT

LE-HI-HO

Election of Officers and Board of Directors

April 25, 1971

Mark X next to the name desired

PRESIDENT

Vote for 1

☐ Garth T. Watkins

SECRETARY

Vote for 1

☐ James Afflerbach

VICE-PRESIDENT

Vote for 1

☐ Philip E. Knisley

TREASURER

Vote for 1

☐ Warren F. Ritter

☐ Frederick W. Reed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3 year term)

Vote for 1

John W. Coleman (withdrew) .

☐ F. Allen Ravert

NOTE: The elected President, Vice-President, and Treasurer will also serve on the Board of Directors.

PLATFORM FOR NOMINATION OF G. T. WATKINS TO THE PRESIDENCY OF LE-HI-HO

I have submitted my name for nomination to the presidency of LE-HI-HO based upon the following aims which I believe to be paramount for the success and progress of our organization:

1. Needless to say the salient purpose of our existence is justice, understanding, and acceptance for the homosexual in today's society. All actions I would take as president would be to that purpose.
2. The first question is, and always has been, how to achieve this purpose stated above. There are many ways to achieve an end such as we have set for ourselves. There are militant ways, and there are subtle, peaceful, dignified ways. I believe in subtlety not destructive militancy. The reputation of the homosexual in our society reached a very low ebb in the past. We must do nothing to restore that image as it was. We must educate the public by acting in a sensible manner.
3. We have made great strides in the community to achieve recognition as live, decent human beings. We have done this by talks before student groups, by a dignified newsletter and by participation of community leaders through talks and discussions. These activities must be continued, but on a larger scope. This is the key-note of my platform. I would insist upon an expansion of these activities.
4. I would endeavor to find some way in which to garner more active participation among our members in speeding up progress. Too long we have had too many auditors and not enough doers.
5. I want action in all areas and good coordination of that action. One of my first acts would be to revise the constitution and by-laws in such a manner as to achieve better internal coordination and expansion of activities.
6. We must achieve a closer association with other homophile organizations especially in our own state.
7. We all appreciate that we have a meeting place through the generous charity of the Unitarian Church and its Pastor. We should contribute to the high ideals of the church irrespective of the individual faith of each of us. I would make every effort to do so.
8. I will attempt to have all membership become a greater part of the contributions to the Newsletter and I would hope to find some way to engender those contributions.

Conclusion: We have a splendid organization which has had a number of notable accomplishments. I would attempt to increase those contributions through new actions and new ideas. For this, we need the support of all members.

PLATFORM OF FREDERICK REED--CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF LE-HI-HO

The forthcoming year promises to show LE-HI-HO's continued success in its present fields of operation and expansion into new areas of accomplishment.

In the past year in my position as Secretary of LE-HI-HO, I have noted that our organization's foundation, established in May 1969, has been constantly strengthened. I am proud to have been a part of this building process, not only as Secretary, but also as Recording Secretary and member of the By-laws Committee, and, for a time, acting Newsletter Editor.

When serving as a delegate to the 1970 annual meeting of the Mattachine Society of New York, and to the 1970 Christopher Street Liberation Day March, I have recognized the national prominence LE-HI-HO has gained within the Homophile Movement.

If elected Vice-President, I plan to utilize this background in the Homophile Movement to further the progress of LE-HI-HO. I will continue to serve to bring about an effective, workable set of by-laws to our organization. I will encourage the formation of new committees as needs arise. I plan to co-operate fully with the Social Committee and others to help bolster our treasury.

In order to further our program of educating the heterosexual community, I will work to strengthen our Speakers Committee, and seek more publicity in newspapers, radio, and television.

In order to build more solidarity within the Homophile Movement, I will support Jerry Curtis, our lobbyist in Harrisburg, in formation of a united Gay front in Pennsylvania, and to keep the LE-HI-HO name active in national Homophile circles.

I will work to bring new areas of endeavor to LE-HI-HO, to develop our present counseling services to a higher level of effectiveness, and to make our new ventures into VD control and draft counseling viable and relevant aids to the Homosexual community.

The LE-HI-HO needs workers to keep the Homophile Movement alive in the Lehigh Valley. Any period of inactivity or stagnation will only result in setbacks to the Gay liberation cause. I am a worker; if elected, I will continue working to educate, to end exploitation, and to right injustices. I urge you to choose me to be the next Vice-President of LE-HI-HO.

Election April, 1971

PLATFORM OF F. ALLEN RAVERT--CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER OF LE-HI-HO

Last year you gave me the privilege of serving as your President. I've declined the nomination for that office this year. My hope, however, is to continue to serve you as a member of the Board of Directors.

I've been serving on the by-laws committee and am chairman of the social activities committee, the latter of which has been our biggest bread-winner. Many problems can and will arise as we continue to expand and improve our activities. With this in mind I believe it will be necessary to maintain the closest liaison possible between the Board and the activities committee. As Chairman of the activities committee and board member I could very easily accomplish this need.

At this time I want to thank you for your support in the past, and express my hope that you will allow me to continue to serve you.

PLATFORM OF WARREN F. RITTER--CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER OF LE-HI-HO

I stand on my record as Treasurer of this past year.

PLATFORM OF PHILIP E. KNISLEY--CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF LE-HI-HO

No response

PLATFORM OF JAMES AFFLERBACH--CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF LE-HI-HO

No response
